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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

THE REPLY FILED 27 January 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: ____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): ____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: ____.

Claim(s) objected to: ____.

Claim(s) rejected: ____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: ____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). ____.

10. Other: ____.


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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant argues that Dinkin "fails to disclose that any sort of "routing" information is listed in a packet that is received by the host...and that the host sends a broadcast packet to the other domain ... listed in the routing information" (Response: page 10). Examiner agrees that Dinkin does not expressly disclose receiving a packet containing routing information. For this reason, Examiner combined Dinkin with France. Applicant cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually when the rejection is based on a combination of references. The Examiner maintains that the combination of Dinkin and France discloses all of the limitations of the claims. Applicant further "submits that if the Interface Node of Dinkin allegedly discloses the claimed interworking unit, then Dinkin fails to teach or suggest the claimed host, which, i.e. sends routing request packets, and sends and receives broadcast packets" (Response: page 11). Since Applicant provides no explanation for the position that Applicant takes, Examiner will rely on the cited passages in the previous rejections to rebut Applicant. If Applicant wishes to pursue this argument, Examiner requests that Applicant provide reasoning for the position taken. Finally, Applicant argues that Dinkin does not disclose the limitations of claim 16 since the "reference fails to state that the 'first' broadcast will be sent to a domain with the 'fewest' hop counts" (Response: page 13). Examiner respectfully disagrees. As explicitly stated in the rejection, Dinkin discloses broadcasting the message to all domains. Since the first broadcast is sent to all domains, the first broadcast is also sent to the domain with the fewest hopcounts .